

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the
Kessingland Parish Council
Held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th February 2025
In the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors D. Boyle, C. Carter (Vice-Chair), C. Cook, N. Glendinning, I. Graham, A. Green, L. Hood, S. James (Chair), Z. Mo & D. Pope-Brannon,

Other member present: Cllr M. Ladd

Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Acting Parish Clerk) & D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

163. Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee and explained the meeting protocol.

164. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McLean & Ollett. Acceptance of apologies for absence was proposed by Cllr Graham, seconded by Cllr Hood with all in favour. Cllr Saunders did not attend.

165. To confirm new committee memberships

Cllr Graham proposed confirmation of the new committee memberships. This was seconded by Cllr Hood with all in favour.

166. Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from Councillors on items on the Agenda and it was noted that there are no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Dispensations have been granted to the following:

- Cllr Carter in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy.
- Cllr Green in respect of his role as district councillor.
- Cllr Hood in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy.
- Cllr McLean in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy & Kessingland Sports & Social Club.

Cllr Boyle registered his interest in Item 169.2

167. Minutes of the previous meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2025 had been circulated and Cllr Glendinning proposed they were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting. This

was seconded by Cllr Graham with all in favour.

168. Public Forum

- 168.1 A report from Suffolk County Council was received from Cllr Ladd. This included items such as the proposed 2025-26 budget for SCC, street lighting, fire service, carbon footprint and the devolution of government. Cllrs questions on these matters were also answered.
- 168.2 A report from East Suffolk Council was received from Cllr Green. Items included car park prices rising, the enabling budget, flagship doors in the library, speeding in Church Rd and the ongoing situation regarding the back steps in Green Lane.
- 168.3 There were no members of the public present.

169. Finance & Governance

- 169.1 The minutes of the Finance & Governance meeting held on 8th January 2025 had been received and noted.
- 169.2 Cllr Graham proposed to agree a funding request from Kessingland Mens Shed. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with one abstention and ten in favour.
- 169.3 Cllr Glendinning proposed to adopt the Data Protection Policy as recommended by the Finance and Governance committee. This was seconded by Cllr Pope-Brannon with one abstention and ten in favour.

170. Leisure, Communications & Events

- 170.1 The minutes of the Leisure, Communications & Event meeting held on the 21st January 2025 were received and noted.
- 170.2 Cllrs noted a working group has been formed to progress the redevelopment of Roy Browns Garden and received a report from a meeting that took place on 10th February 2025. The guttering around the bus shelter was raised and will be discussed further at another meeting to be held on the 14th February.
- 170.3 Cllrs considered where the new VE bench should be sited and Cllr Graham proposed it should be next to the bus stop for Southwold in front of the school. This was seconded by Cllr Glendinning with all in favour. Cllr Graham proposed a budget of no more than £500 to be given for the concrete base that will be needed. This was seconded by Cllr Green with all in favour.
- 170.4 It was noted that a meeting took place with the Mens Shed regarding the refurbishment of the benches in the village.

171. Personnel

- 171.1 Cllrs noted the Chair of Personnel has agreed that staff may carry over any remaining annual leave entitlement into the new financial year but it has to be used by 30th April 2025.
- 171.2 Staffing matters (Confidential)

172. Planning & Highways

- 172.1 The minutes of the Planning & Highways meeting held on the 22nd January 2025 were received and noted.

Cllr Ladd left the meeting at 20.06hrs.

173. Other matters

Cllrs noted that village coat of arms shields had been ordered and delivered ready to be given in recognition of time that had been held serving for the Kessingland Parish Council.

174. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025.

175. Items for the next agenda

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be Monday 3rd March 2025.

176. Exclusion of the Press & Public

Cllr Graham proposed that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 (Sections 100 and 102), the public and press be excluded for the remaining items of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted including contractual and personnel related matters. This was seconded by Cllr Glendinning with all in favour.

177. Close of meeting

This meeting closed at 20.24hrs.